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EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS
CUP CHAMPIONS—1972
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LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (36)
1891, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902,
1911, 1912, 1913, 1918, 1920,
1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927,
1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933,
1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1947,
1949, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1957,
1959, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1975,
1976.

*In 1891 the Championship
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SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS
(21)

1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928,
1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936,
1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960,
1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1973,
1976.

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (8)
1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1964,
1965, 1970, 1975.

OTHER STATISTICS

Glasgow Cup (39); Charity Cup (32); Southern
League (4); Southern League Cup (4); Emergency
War Cup and Scottish Regional League (1939-40);
Victory Cup, 1946. Reserve League Champions
(29); 2nd XI Cup (24) Reserve League Cup (8)

MATCH MAGAZINE SLANT

Life at the top is tight and tough

WHEN Rangers edged into the lead in the Premier Division table a few weeks ago, a lot of people believed that they were up in front to stay—and would draw away from the pack.

It's a nice thought—but one nobody at Ibrox accepted as fact. Just from the experience of the games already played this season Jock Wallace and his men were aware of one thing: LIFE AT THE TOP IS TIGHT AND TOUGH.

And that's just how it has been. Manager Jock Wallace believes this could be the best Premier League Championship yet—and certainly it is shaping up that way.

He also is aware that it will need consistent points-picking week after week to keep Rangers out in front and hold off the challenge, which is taking on a wider scope every Saturday.

Celtic have recovered from their bad spell to come back into the chase, and their determination was evident in the hard-fought 1-1 Old Firm draw at Parkhead last Saturday.

Manager Wallace believes that the traditional rivals from across the City will still prove to be the main threat come April.

But already another Glasgow side, Partick Thistle have indicated that they have the right to be taken into consideration as potential champions—thanks to a strong run which has carried them up the table.

And the challenge of Aberdeen and Dundee United is still very much there, even though both teams have run into a dip in the form graph.

The title will have to be won. It won't be conceded, that's for sure.

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Saints confident again after fine win v. 'Well

AN early season "flier" has proved invaluable to St. Mirren in recent weeks as the form slump which hits every side at some time, bites into the Paisley confidence.

Because of the good results picked up early on, Saints have a cushion of points between them and the teams below them. However, that "cushion" has been worn a bit thin by some of the recent results, so it was clearly a relief to the ambitious Paisley side to get back on the winning way against Motherwell last week.

Now that they have found the victory touch again, Saints will be hoping that the confidence returns to the youthful Love Street squad to restore them to the position higher up the table which they occupied in the

early weeks.

Manager Alex Ferguson, a fiery character in his days as a striker with Rangers, Dunfermline, Ayr United, St. Johnstone and Falkirk, has brought a lot of drive and determination to the Paisley pattern.

He has also shown a willingness to go out and strengthen his pool when he feels the time is right—which is why he took the versatile Iain Munro back to Love Street recently from Ibrox.

Iain, who started his career at Paisley before moving on to Hibs then joining Rangers, is a clever, strong player with a lot of

Spotlight on ST. MIRREN

style and spirit. Already he has added a lot to the left flank of the Paisley pattern.

Former international goalkeeper Ally Hunter is another new arrival at Paisley—joining them a couple of weeks ago from Motherwell. Ally was with Kilmarnock and Celtic a few years ago and played a number of times for Scotland.

Apart from goalkeeper Ally Hunter, there is another of the same clan... big Donald Hunter, an Ibrox goalkeeper currently out on loan to St. Mirren.

The full backs can come from former Falkirk man John Young, ex-Kilsyth

Juniors player Alex Beckett, former Partick Thistle player Billy Johnston, John Mowat, a product of Possil Y.M. and Jim McGetterick who was signed from Glasgow United.

The two central defenders for most of the season have been former Dundee United man Jackie Copland and 6ft. 3in. law student Bobby Reid.

Leading the Saints side is Tony Fitzpatrick, a stocky, strong Under-21 internationalist who is rated in the £150,000 class.

With him he has the lanky Billy Stark, a former Rangers signing, and the hard-working Lex Richardson.

Up front, Saints have youngster Jim Docherty and the fast, agile Frank McGarvey. They can also call on former Rangers striker Ricky Sharp.

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● ALEX MILLER

...Player Profile...

No.12 Alex Miller

ALEX MILLER has been 10 years at Ibrox now, not always a first team man but always a valuable player in the pool because of his versatility and loyalty.

And, of course, Alex is a penalty kick expert. He has a technique he uses every time, but naturally doesn't want to reveal it to the opposition.

"Let's just say that it works—I've taken umpteen penalties over the years and can only remember missing three times."

Alex is currently spending most of his time on the bench as first team substitute—not a position he particularly enjoys.

"Naturally I'd rather be playing in the first team," he says. "But being sub means you are part of the scene all the time and involved in the big time. What I've got to do is keep working away at training and be ready to take my chance in the top team when it comes again."

THIS MAN MILLER:

HT: 5 ft. 10 in. WT: 12st. BORN: Glasgow, 4.7.49.

LIVES: Glasgow. JOINED CLUB: January 1967.

PREVIOUS CLUB: Clydebank Strollers.

HONOURS: Two Premier League badges, 3 League Cup medals,

1 Scottish Cup medal.

FAMILY: wife Ann, sons Graeme (4) and Greg (1).

CAR: Austin Maxi 1750.

HOBBIES: Squash, do-it-yourself. Alex also coaches junior side

Duntocher two nights a week.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: the 1970 League Cup Final when

Rangers beat Celtic 1-0 to win the trophy for the first time in

many years.

MOST MEMORABLE OPPONENT: Johan Cruyff of Ajax,

Barcelona and Holland.

MOST MEMORABLE GOAL: A long-range left foot shot against

Motherwell at Ibrox two seasons ago—"It really flew into the

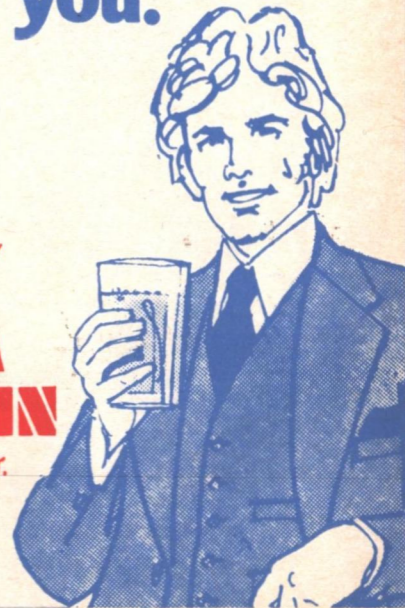
net," says Alex.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Rangers	13	8	3	2	30	17	19
Aberdeen	13	7	4	2	20	11	18
Partick Th.	13	7	2	4	19	18	16
Dundee Utd.	13	6	3	4	15	9	15
St. Mirren	13	5	3	5	19	20	13
Celtic	13	5	2	6	18	18	12
Motherwell	13	4	2	7	17	18	10
Hibernian	13	4	2	7	10	12	10
Ayr Utd.	13	4	2	7	14	23	10
Clydebanks	13	2	3	8	9	25	7

RANGERS POOL

KENNEDY
 JARDINE
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 GREIG
 JACKSON
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 McLEAN
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 JOHNSTONE
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 McKEAN



● FLASHBACK: Gordon Smith lets go with a shot in the last encounter between Rangers and St. Mirren at Love Street. The game finished 3-3 and this shot was saved by Donald Hunter.

ST. MIRREN POOL

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	PARTICK THISTLE	
E	ARBROATH	
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F	DUMBARTON	
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● FRANK McGARVEY

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"HUSTLER" FRANK A WANTED MAN!

THIS is only Frank McGarvey's fourth season in senior football—he was signed from Kilsyth Rangers in 1974 but the young striker has certainly made a considerable impact already.

In 26 games so far this season (not counting the midweek match against Bristol City) Frank has rammed in 13 goals for St. Mirren. Last term he hit 20.

At 5ft 9in and 10st 7lbs, McGarvey is no giant. But he packs an awful lot of skill and aggression into that frame and his style is to hustle and bustle at the defence for 90 minutes.

A joiner to trade, Frank is now a full timer.

Rangers know all about his ability—it was two goals from McGarvey (including a late equaliser) which helped give Saints a point in the 3-3 draw at Love Street earlier in the season.

It's little wonder that McGarvey, who has won Under-21 recognition, is wanted by a number of bigger clubs, particularly south of the border.

QUIZ

WHO DID FERGIE
SUCCEED AS MANAGER ?

1. Who did Alex Ferguson succeed as manager of St. Mirren?
2. What managerial position in Scottish football did Alex hold before joining Saints?
3. By how many points did Saints win the First Division title last season—two, four, seven?
4. How many former Rangers players are there on the Paisley staff right now?
5. St. Mirren lost narrowly in the first game in the Tennent Caledonian Cup at Ibrox this season. Who beat them?
6. When did St. Mirren celebrate the club's centenary?
7. How many times has Gordon Smith scored two or more goals in a match this season?
8. Which English club plays at the Belle Vue Ground?
9. Who did St. Mirren beat recently in the semi-final of the Anglo Scottish Cup?
10. In which country does the Beerschott club play?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 19

CODE OF CONDUCT

RANGERS once again remind all fans of the need for the very best behaviour on the terracings.

Rangers ask all supporters to adhere to the club's 10-point Code of Conduct printed below.

1. Ban the carrying of alcohol on buses.
2. Ban members from taking alcohol into the stadium.
3. Ban the singing of provocative songs in buses and on the terracings.
4. Ban the use of obscene language.
5. Have the greatest respect for residents in the vicinity of football grounds. Do not be a public nuisance.

6. Put an end to members urinating at the roadside when travelling.

7. Set a good example to the youngsters who are travelling.

8. Impress on youth the importance of good behaviour.

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• A photograph which sums up the contrast in emotions after a goal has been scored. Gordon Smith and Davie Cooper want to be the first to congratulate Derek Johnstone on heading Rangers third goal, while John Young and Jackie Copland can only stare in disbelief and disappointment.

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Reserve Review



Hat-trick Bobby as Colts hammer Celtic

RANGERS RESERVES crushed Old Firm rivals Celtic 4-0 at Ibrox last weekend to strengthen the feeling that the Light Blues are heading for yet another title triumph in the Reserve League.

After taking a little time to settle, the Ibrox boys really put on the pressure and went in at the interval leading 1-0.

Then after the break they kept it going, and finished up easy winners.

Scoring hero for the Colts was Bobby McKean with a hat-trick. Bobby hadn't scored at all for the reserves previously, so he picked quite a game to come good.

The first of his goals came after 20 minutes when he cut in off the right wing then blasted a 25-yard left foot drive into the net.

His second was a header from a Johnny Hamilton cross and after Kenny Watson had put Rangers 3-0 up with a great left foot drive

from 18 yards, McKean came in off the left wing to hit another fine goal to round off a great day for both himself and the team.

"It was a good performance, once the team had settled," says coach Joe Mason.

"We were shaky in defence for about 20 minutes, but after that just kept on improving. The second half was particularly good.

"We didn't let Celtic make many scoring chances, and in fact I don't think Peter McCloy had a real save to make in the second 45 minutes."

Naturally hat-trick man McKean earned a lot of praise from coach Mason—and so did midfield schemer Johnny Hamilton.

"These two played particularly well, although everyone played their part," says Joe.

The team was: McCloy; Armour, Dawson; Hamilton, Denny, Morris; McKean, Brand, G. Boyd, Robertson,

Watson. Young Derek McKay replaced Robertson during the game.

On Monday night the Reserves beat Clydebank 6-2 in the Second XI Cup. It was 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes, but the Colts rammed home five in the extra time for a big win.

Kenny Watson, Ralph Brand, Eric Morris, Alex Miller (2) and Bobby McKean were the scorers.

The team was: McCloy; Miller, Dawson; Hamilton, Denny, Morris, McKay, Brand, Parlane, Watson, McKean.



KENNY WATSON

— Reserve — Appearances

	F	RL	RLC	2ND C	Total
Lowrie	1	1			2
Patrick	1				1
Dawson	1 (s1)	9 (s1)	1	1	11 (s2)
O'Hara	1	5 (s1)			6 (s1)
Denny	3	7	1	1	12
Morris	3	11	1	1	16
MacKay	3	6 (s2)	s1	1	10 (s3)
Strickland	1 (s1)	5 (s6)	1		7 (s7)
Robertson	2	8	1		11
Stein	3	1 (s2)			4 (s2)
Armour	3	4 (s3)	1	s1	8 (s3)
Kennedy	2	4			6
Miller	1			1	2
Munro	2	8 (s1)	1		11 (s1)
Hamilton	2	6		1	9
McKean	1	4	1	1	7
Henderson	1 (s1)	4	1		6 (s1)
Jackson	1				1
G. Boyd	1	5		s1	6 (s1)
A. Boyd		2 (s1)			2 (s1)
Watson		9		1	10
J. McDonald		s1			s1
Johnstone		1			1
Parlane		5	1	1	7
McLean		1			1
McCloy		5	1	1	7
Greig		2	1		3
Brand		3 (s1)		1	4 (s1)

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Aug 6	SOUTHAMPTON (H)	T.C. Cup	3	1	Mar 11	HIBERNIAN (A)	League		
Aug 7	WEST BROM(H)	T.C. Cup (Final)	0	2	Mar 18	PARTICK THISTLE (H)	League		
Aug 13	ABERDEEN (A)	League	1	3	Mar 25	CELTIC (A)	League		
Aug 17	YOUNG BOYS(Berne) (H)	ECWC	1	0	Apr 1	ST. MIRREN (H)	League		
Aug 20	HIBERNIAN (H)	League	0	2	Apr 8	AYR UNITED (A)	League		
Aug 24	ST. JOHNSTONE (H)	League Cup	3	1	Apr 15	CLYDEBANK (A)	League		
Aug 27	PARTICK THISTLE (A)	League	4	0	Apr 22	DUNDEE UNITED (H)	League		
Aug 31	YOUNG BOYS(Berne) (A)	ECWC	2	2	Apr 29	MOTHERWELL (H)	League		
Sept 3	ST. JOHNSTONE (A)	League Cup	3	0					
Sept 10	CELTIC (H)	League	3	2					
Sept 14	TWENTE ENSCHEDE (H)	ECWC	0	0					
Sept 17	ST. MIRREN (A)	League	3	3					
Sept 24	AYR UNITED (H)	League	2	0					
Sept 28	TWENTE ENSCHEDE (A)	ECWC	0	3					
Oct 1	CLYDEBANK (H)	League	4	1					
Oct 6	ABERDEEN (H)	League Cup	6	1					
Oct 8	DUNDEE UNITED (A)	League	1	0					
Oct 15	MOTHERWELL (A)	League	4	1					
Oct 22	ABERDEEN (H)	League	3	1					
Oct 26	ABERDEEN (A)	League Cup	1	3					
Oct 29	HIBERNIAN (A)	League	1	0					
Nov 5	PARTICK THISTLE (H)	League	3	3					
Nov 9	DUNFERMLINE (H)	League Cup	3	1					
Nov 12	CELTIC (A)	League	3	1					
Nov 16	DUNFERMLINE (A)	League Cup	3	1					
Nov 19	ST. MIRREN (H)	League							
Nov 26	AYR UNITED (A)	League							
Dec 3	CLYDEBANK (A)	League							
Dec 10	DUNDEE UNITED (H)	League							
Dec 17	MOTHERWELL (H)	League							
Dec 24	ABERDEEN (A)	League							
Dec 31	HIBERNIAN (H)	League							
Jan 2	PARTICK THISTLE (A)	League							
Jan 7	CELTIC (H)	League							
Jan 14	ST. MIRREN (A)	League							
Jan 21	AYR UNITED (H)	League							
Jan 28	Scottish Cup (3rd Round)								
Feb 4	CLYDEBANK (H)	League							
Feb 11	DUNDEE UNITED (A)	League							
Feb 18	Scottish Cup (4th Round)								
Feb 25	MOTHERWELL (A)	League							
Mar 4	ABERDEEN (H)	League							

RESERVE SCORERS					
CODE: Friendlies (F), Reserve League (RL), Reserve League Cup (RLC), Second XI Cup (2nd C)					
	F	RL	RLC	2nd XI	Total
Robertson	5	9			14
Stein	2	3			5
Strickland	2	2			4
Henderson	2	3			5
Dawson	1	2			3
McLean		2			2
Munro		1			1
O'Hara		1			1
Denny	1				1
Greig		3	1		4
Parlane		2			2
Watson		2		1	3
G.Boyd		4			4
Morris		1		1	2
McKay		1			1
McKean	12	3	1	1	4
Miller				2	2
Brand				1	1
TOTALS		39		6	59

■■■ FACTS, FIGURES & SCORERS

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES
 CODE: Friendlies (F), Tennent Caledonian Cup (TC), League (L), European Cup Winners Cup (ECC), League Cup (LC), Scottish Cup (SC), Glasgow Cup (GC), Substitute (s)
 Total games played:28

	F	TC	L	ECC	LC	SC	GC	Total
McCloy	1	2	5	3	2			13
Jardine	2	2	12	4	6			25
Greig	2	2	6 (s1)	2	3		1	15 (s1)
Forsyth	2	2	13	4	5		1	26
Johnstone	2		10	1	6		1	19
MacDonald	2	2	12	3	5		1	24
McLean	2	2	8 (s2)	2	4		1	18 (s2)
McKean	2	2	4 (s1)	2 (s1)	1		s1	11 (s3)
Parlane	1 (s1)	2	4	2	1 (s1)			10 (s1)
Hamilton	1 (s1)	(s1)						1 (s2)
Cooper	2	2	13	4	6		1	27
Henderson	1 (s1)			1	s1			2 (s2)
Kennedy	1		8	1	4		1	14
Russell	1	2	13	4	6		1	26
Miller	(s1)	2	8 (s1)	2 (s1)	4 (s1)		1	17 (s3)
Smith			11 (s1)	3 (s1)	6			19 (s2)
Mackay			1	(s1)	3		1	5 (s1)
Jackson			11	4	5		1	20
Robertson	1	1	2 (s1)					4 (s1)

FIRST TEAM SCORERS
 CODE: Friendlies (F), Tennent Caledonian Cup (TC), League (L), European Cup Winners Cup (ECC), League Cup (LC), Scottish Cup (SC), Glasgow Cup (GC)

	F	TC	L	ECC	LC	SC	GC	Total
Smith			10	1	5			16
Johnstone			6	1	4			10
Miller				1p	3p			4p
MacDonald	2	1	2		1			6
Russell	1		3					4
Parlane	1	1	2		1			5
Greig	1			1	1			2
Cooper		1	3					4
McLean	1				2			3
Hamilton	1							1
Jardine			3 (2p)		1p			3 (2p)
Jackson		3			1			1
TOTALS	7		27	3	16			56

QUIZ ANSWERS
 1. Willie Cunningham. 2. He was manager of East Stirling. 3. Four. 4. Four—Iain Munro, Billy Stark, Ricky Sharp and Donald Hunter. 5. West Brom. 6. 1976. 7. Gordon has hit four doubles and a hat-trick. 8. Doncaster Rovers. 9. Notts County. 10. Belgium.